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APPLICANTS

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FOR

WATER-SOLUBLE NANOSTRUCTURED METAL-OXIDE

COLLOIDS AND METHOD FOR PREPARING SAME

ART UNIT

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EXAMINER

R. Lovering

December 26, 2002

Hon. Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

SIR:

AX RECEIVED TOO GROUP 1700 In response to the Office Action dated September 26, 2002, please amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend the indicated claims to read as follows:

-21. (Once Amended) Additive-stabilized, water-soluble metal oxide colloids having particle sizes ranging from 0.5 - 5 nm, comprising at least one metal of groups VIb, VIIb,